UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-22-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMISSION MEETINGS
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 19-20, 1964

SA Hanning attended captioned meetings and deliberated with the National Americanism Commission, of which he is a member. Twenty-seven resolutions deferred from the National Convention in Dallas last month were considered. The following were of interest to the Bureau.

Four resolutions dealt with The Michal Goleniewski case and called for Congressional investigation of Goleniewski's charges that all branches of the Government with the exception of the FBI have been penetrated by Soviet intelligence. On SA Hanning's confidential recommendation these four resolutions were rejected. Goleniewski is, of course, the former Polish Lieutenant Colonel who defected to the West and is handled by CIA. The Bureau has interviewed him on many occasions and found his charges baseless.

Four other resolutions dealt with the Warren Commission and demanded the full facts of President Kennedy's assassination be released to the public by the Commission. These resolutions also had come before the National Convention in Dallas and we were able to have them deferred to the current meeting. They were rejected as their purpose had already been accomplished by the release of the Warren Report.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Numerous prominent Legionnaires including two former National Commanders expressed to Hanning their indignation at the Warren Report's criticism of the Bureau. The concensus of opinion was that it was strictly "Monday morning quarterbacking." In Legion circles the Bureau has lost no prestige whatsoever because of it.

NOT RECORDED

Newly elected National Commander Donald E. Johnson of West Branch, Iowa, was most complimentary in his comments concerning the Director and the Bureau and the cooperation he has received. He was most appreciative of the Director allowing

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you to serve on his 13-man Advisory Board. He indicated he hoped to have the privilege of paying an official visit to the Director on his first trip to Washington in the near future to convey his respects and express his appreciation.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.